

<p>Cllr. Forder said that in order to take part in the Community Speedwatch scheme, the Police said there needed to be at least 3 volunteers to carry out checks. Cllr. Hughes said that he would be willing to be a volunteer.</p>	
<p>c) To consider if the Parish Council should support/fund a warm space at the Village Hall</p>	
<p>Cllr. Gorrod said that he was approached by a resident in relation to the Warm Spaces scheme coordinated by WNC. As the nearest locations were at Naseby and Clipston, Cllr. Gorrod asked if the Councillors felt it could be organised in Welford. Cllr. Gorrod said that the Village Hall was fairly well booked in mornings for various events and so it would be difficult to organise anything in that building. Cllr. Brotherton suggested that the Congregational Chapel might be an appropriate space. Councillors agreed that if WNC money was available it should be applied for to run the scheme. Councillor Gorrod said that the village volunteer group might be able to assist with this project. Clerk to contact the Congregational Chapel and WNC to check if a grant was still available. Councillors authorised funding of up to £300 for the scheme, if necessary and if funding not available from WNC.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>d) To review the use of the gated access from West End to the Playing Field and the issue of keys to the gate padlock</p>	
<p>Cllr. Gorrod said that there was no record as to who might have a key to the gates to the Playing Field, other than those held by the Clerk, the Deputy Chairman and the grass cutters for the village. Cllr. Curtis said there could be an insurance issue if a car drove onto the field to use the Youth Centre and there were children present. Councillors agreed that the padlock should be changed on the gate, with a key given to the WYCC; users of WYCC could drive on the hard standing in front of WYCC to drop people or goods off but should avoid reversing on the grass or parking on the hard standing .</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>e) To consider and approve the purchase of a replacement Defibrillator cabinet for the phone kiosk at a cost of £475 plus £95.00 VAT</p>	
<p>The Clerk had circulated information regarding a defibrillator cabinet to replace the one in the phone kiosk prior to the meeting. Councillor Gorrod said that the current cabinet beeped intermittently and did so when previously installed outside the Village Hall. The volunteers who look after the defibrillators had recommended replacing the cabinet as it can be an annoyance to adjacent residents as well as in case the beeping was an indication of cabinet failure. A benefactor who wished to remain anonymous offered to pay for the cabinet. This was gratefully accepted by the Councillors. The Clerk said that he had spoken to Jamie of JAW Maintenance of Lutterworth who are fully accredited electricians. They were prepared to instal the cabinet at no charge, but asked for a mention in The Bugle. Councillors also agreed to make a donation of £50 to the Fire Services charity in recognition of the installation by JAW.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>f) To approve the quote from David Cliffe of £350 plus £70.00 VAT to cut the hedge on Newlands Road</p>	
<p>Cllr. Hughes commented that there was ivy growing on the trees and bushes which need to be removed. Councillors agreed for David Cliffe to be consulted if the quote included the ivy removal , and if that was the case the quote was accepted or otherwise would need to be resubmitted for any additional cost to be approved at the January meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>g) To receive an update regarding the Pocket Park</p>	
<p>The Clerk said that both the Chairman and Secretary of the Pocket Park committee had stood down and no one had come forward to take their places. The group agreed to continue with some maintenance work through the year as volunteers, and the Clerk has a list of their names for insurance purposes. The Council will maintain the Pocket Park budget and consider any spend on improvements or safety matters before they are undertaken. The Councillors asked that when the volunteers undertake any work they should notify the Clerk for insurance purposes and monitoring.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>h) i) To consider the first draft of the Council budget and Precept for 2023 ii) To consider and approve the opening of an Instant Access Savings Account with Unity Trust</p>	

<p>The Clerk gave an overview of the proposed budget for 2023/24 and the spend on larger items. He said that the fixed price electricity contract would expire in January 2024 and there would be one month in 2024 when any increased costs would have to be met. The Clerk said that he was still waiting for the final quote to install 3 new street lights, the cost of which is likely to be about £6k. Councillors suggested that the proposed budget should be increased by £2k to allow for the lights and other services and for the budget to be agreed at the January meeting.</p>	
<p>i) To approve and accept the Council Risk Assessment and Internal Controls Policy 2023</p>	
<p>Councillors approved the document which had been circulated prior to the meeting</p>	
<p>j) Clerks update</p>	
<p>The Clerk said that the tree at the entrance to the Playing Field from The Leys has now been trimmed (as agreed at the June meeting) at a cost of £185. The Clerk said that work to replace play equipment in the children's play area would commence in early February.</p>	
<p>22/100 Planning</p>	
<p>a) To note updates from previous Planning Applications</p>	
<p>The Clerk said that there was only one change on the list circulated, that was the owner of School House, West End had submitted an appeal to the decision made by WNC as to the height of the fence. No decision has been updated as yet. The Clerk advised Councillors there had been no change in the status of the Slurry Lagoon application and it would not now be heard by the WNC Planning Committee until January 2023 at the earliest.</p>	
<p>b) To consider asking WNC to issue a section 215 notice or use the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 in relation to 13 High Street, Welford</p>	
<p>Cllr. Gorrod said that as a result of a letter from a resident, he felt that the property at 13 High Street was in a serious state of disrepair and had been for some time. The footpath in front of the building was also closed and not allowing any pedestrian access for the past year. The Councillors agreed that an approach should be made to WNC to issue a section 215 notice or requirement under the Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas Act. The resident who had raised the matter had notified the Clerk on the 8th December that the outstanding issues affecting the planning application had been resolved and the go-ahead for the work had been given.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>22/101 Reports</p>	
<p>a) Highways</p>	
<p>Cllr. Gorrod said that there were a number of blocked drains which would be reported to FixMyStreet.</p>	
<p>b) Rights of Way</p>	
<p>Cllr. Gorrod said that the Rights of way team had been very busy in dealing with issues raised. This included contacting businesses on the Hemploe about speeding traffic, a blocked Right of Way where they had contacted the land owner and bolts on a gate that had been loosened were promptly tightened.</p>	
<p>c) Playing field</p>	
<p>Cllr. Brotherton reported that the Playing Field and equipment had been well used and the grass maintenance continued to be completed to a high standard. Cllr. Brotherton reported that he had been to inspect the Hornbeam tree at the nursery and on inspection found that the designated tree was a root ball tree and therefore not as suitable for planting. He did however identify an 8' tree in a container which was more suitable for planting, which Councillors fully supported and agreed to the purchase of the tree using the currently approved budget for the tree purchase.</p>	
<p>d) Welford Youth and Community Centre</p>	
<p>Cllr. Gorrod said that there had been no recent meeting</p>	
<p>e) Village Hall:</p>	
<p>Cllr. Phelan reported that the Village Hall cinema club had restarted and had shown one film with another planned for January. Cllr. Phelan also reported that two members of the Village Hall Committee had met with a representative from the Husbands Bosworth surgery about their continued use of the Hall as a surgery. The</p>	

representative needed to talk to partners in the practice as to their plans for the surgery.																										
22/102 Finances																										
a) Councillor McCullagh verified the bank reconciliation undertaken on the 28 th November 2022																										
b) Councillors noted the bank working balance at Unity Trust on the 2 nd December 2022 was £59,177.93																										
c) Councillors noted the standing order for street lighting paid to SSE on the 16 th November 2022 for £95.49																										
d) Councillors noted the Standing Order paid on the 9 th November to the ICO £35.00																										
e) Councillors noted the payment of £440.00 was made on 4 th November 2022 to Stefan the Handyman for repairs to the bus shelter window as previously approved																										
f) Councillors noted that on the 27 th October 2022 WNC paid £4,012.19 to WPC. This was an error and was repaid to WNC on 4 th November 2022																										
g) Councillors approved the following payments																										
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To discuss pay scales for staff 																										
Councillors agreed to the NALC agreement for pay in relation to the Clerk.																										
Councillors agreed to adopt the Government national minimum wage increase from £9.50 an hour to £10.42 in April 2023																										
22/104 Date of next meeting: Thursday 26th January 2023																										
The meeting closed at 9.37pm																										
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